Insurance cover to women workers in unorganised sectors

†2308. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to provide financial and health related insurance facilities to the women workers in unorganised sector keeping in view of their miserable economic and health conditions;

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government to make any statutory provision in this regard; and

(c) by when the required arrangements would be made in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Government is working to enact 'Unorganised Sector Workers Bill, 2004' to provide for, among other things, social security measures having statutory backing of the workers including women engaged in the unorganised sector in the country. The details of the draft Bill are at the stage of consultation with the concerned authorities. The time-frame for completing the process cannot be indicated at this stage.

Modified VRS for workers of BGML

2309. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposal regarding extension of modified VRS to workers of Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML) is in advanced stage of consideration by Government;

(b) if so, whether the proposal has been approved; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and tentative date by which the decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) A proposal of Ministry of Mines to introduce a Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) for the remaining 3100

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